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S. 1107

To protect consumers by eliminating the double postage rule under which the Postal Service requires competitors of the Postal Service to charge above market prices.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 1997

Mr. COVERDELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Double Postage Rule
5 Elimination Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF THE DOUBLE POSTAGE RULE.**

7 Section 601(a) of title 39, United States Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 “(a) A letter may be carried out of the mails, if—

1 “(1) the amount paid for private carriage of the
2 letter is \$2.00 or more;

3 “(2) the letter is enclosed in an envelope;

4 “(3) the amount of postage which would have
5 been charged on the letter if it had been sent by
6 mail is paid by stamps, or postage meter stamps, on
7 the envelope;

8 “(4) the envelope is properly addressed;

9 “(5) the envelope is so sealed that the letter
10 cannot be taken from it without defacing the enve-
11 lope;

12 “(6) any stamps on the envelope are canceled in
13 ink by the sender; and

14 “(7) the date of the letter, of its transmission,
15 or receipt by the carrier is endorsed on the envelope
16 in ink.”.

17 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 The amendment made by this Act shall take effect
19 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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